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PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 1919.

The fifty-fifth meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis was called to order by President Goodspeed at 2.30 p. m. on December 29th, 1919, in Room 207 Union Theological Seminary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and of the Recording Secretary were read and ordered accepted and placed on file. In connection with the deaths of members reported the President appointed Professors Fullerton and H. P. Smith to prepare memorial resolutions. The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to Professors Grant and Russell as an auditing committee. The subject of the financial prospects of the Society was discussed by the Treasurer, who offered a budget for the coming year, but was referred to the Council. The President appointed Professors Montgomery, Fowler and Easton as a committee to nominate officers for next year. Professor Bewer, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, made an oral report. The President appointed Professors Ropes and B. W. Robinson to prepare a resolution of thanks to the hosts of the Society. The Council was called to meet at 5.30 p. m.

Upon the completion of the business the Society turned to the symposium which had been prepared by the special committee appointed last year. The general subject was; The Criticism of Acts as related to the History and Interpretation of the New Testament. Papers were read as follows:

By E. J. Goodspeed: Presidential Address: The Origin of Acts

By J. H. Ropes: The Western Text of Acts

By H. J. Cadbury: Philological Criticism of Acts

Oral discussion was opened by C. C. Torrey and F. J. Foakes Jackson and continued by other members.

After the conclusion of the discussion a paper was read by Paul Haupt, "The just shall live by faith."

Monday Evening, December 29. The Society convened after 8.00 p. m. Papers were read and discussed as follows:

By Israel Friedländer: Recent Developments in Modern Hebrew

By T. J. Meek: A Proposed Reconstruction of Early Hebrew History

By J. A. Bewer: Textual Criticism of the Book of Ezra

By J. E. Snyder: The Hellenistic Cities in Deutero-Zephaniah

Tuesday Morning, December 30. The Society met at 9.15 a. m. Papers were read and discussed as follows:

By J. A. Montgomery: A Note on Two Syriac MSS. in New York City

By G. A. Barton: The Latest Defense of the Monotheism of Moses

By Miss L. P. Smith: Types of Parallelism as a Possible Test for Unity in Isaiah 56—66

By Joshua Bloch: The Meaning of the Name Peshitta as originally applied to the Syriac Old Testament

By J. A. Montgomery: A Case of the Tetragrammaton transliterated in the Septuagint Text of Daniel

By C. C. Torrey: A Theory of the Date of Mark's Gospel

A suggestion made by Professor Haupt in connection with the first paper of this session that the Society undertake to prepare a catalogue of the Biblical MSS. in America was discussed and referred to the Council.

Tuesday Afternoon, December 30. The Society reassembled at 2 o'clock. The following memorial resolutions prepared by the committee appointed for the purpose were read and adopted:

"It is with deep regret that our Society must record the deaths of four of our members of which information has been received during the past year.

"The death of Bernhard Weiss, Professor and Doctor of Theology at Berlin University, reminds those of our number whose special interests are in the New Testament of the lasting obligations which our American scholarship is under to German scholarship and which the unhappy divisions of the past five years should not be permitted to efface. Born in Leipzig in 1827 Professor Weiss's long career at Königsberg, Kiel, and Berlin reflects the critical movement in New Testament research at every angle. His *Einleitung in das Neue Testament*, his *Leben*

Jesu, and his reworking of the famous Meyer commentaries were for many of us the gateways into the freedom of modern New Testament study and we are glad at this time to pay our tribute to one whose honorable place in New Testament is so thoroughly secure.

"In the death of Professor Crawford Howell Toy American scholarship and in particular Old Testament study has lost one of its most distinguished and best loved representatives. Born at Norfolk, Va., in 1836, Professor Toy espoused the cause of the Southern Confederacy at the age of twenty-five. He fought at Gettysburg and was taken prisoner shortly afterward. After the war he became Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, first at Greenville, N. C., and afterward at Louisville, Ky. During his ten years connection with this institution he was engaged in the war for theological freedom, in which he fought as bravely as in the Civil War, and was compelled to pay the fine of adherence to his slowly won convictions which so many of our older members have had to pay—by severing his connections with the institution which he was serving. After what practically meant his dismissal, he became for a time connected with the Independent but was soon called to the chair of Hebrew and Oriental Languages in Harvard University which he occupied with much distinction during the remainder of his life. It was he who really laid the foundation of the Department of Semitic Languages and Literatures in Harvard. His ripest work is his Commentary on Proverbs and his critical edition and translation of Ezekiel, both in Professor Haupt's series. For a fuller appraisal of the great debt which Old Testament study is under to Professor Toy your committee would call attention to Professor George F. Moore's appreciation of his colleague in the American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures, October 1919.

"Dr. J. F. Riggs was born in Smyrna in 1852, the son of the famous missionary, Elias Riggs. He passed his boyhood in Constantinople, but spent his working life in this country. He held pastorates at Cranford, Bergen Point and East Orange, N. J., and was professor of New Testament Greek at the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., from 1892 to '98. He died

Jan. 4, 1918. His life was the quiet but useful life which modestly builds itself into the thoughtful and religiously responsible citizenship of our country.

"Professor J. F. Genung was born in 1850. He graduated from Rochester University in 1875 and after a brief pastorate he studied under Franz Delitzsch in Leipzig. He became instructor and afterwards professor of English Literature at Amherst College where he lived and worked till October of the present year. He was especially interested in the literary study of the Bible, and all of us are indebted to his fine insight into the artistic and spiritual beauty of Biblical Literature.

"The life and work of these our colleagues will remain an inheritance of sound scholarship, mental integrity and upright living in which our Society can gratefully claim a share."

The following resolution of thanks was adopted and Professor Bewer was asked to convey it to the President of Union Theological Seminary.

"The Society of Biblical Literature, entering upon its fortieth year of growth, feels a special sense of appropriateness in meeting at Union Theological Seminary under whose guiding influence the Society originally was born. The Society hereby expresses its deep gratitude for the generous hospitality which surrounds it at this time. The Society's sense of indebtedness to the profound scholarship of the Seminary during these forty years is equalled only by the vividness of its present sense of indebtedness for many personal kindnesses as well as for the hearty welcome accorded to the Society".

The nominating committee introduced the following nominations which were approved and the chairman of the committee was instructed to cast a ballot electing them to office for the year

Prof. A. T. Clay	<i>President</i>
Prof. Kemper Fullerton	<i>Vice-President</i>
Dr. H. J. Cadbury	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Prof. George Dahl	<i>Treasurer</i>
Prof. W. J. Moulton	} <i>Associates in Council</i>
Prof. J. H. Ropes	
Prof. J. D. Prince	
Prof. E. J. Goodspeed	
Prof. I. F. Wood	

Prof. H. Hyvernât	}	<i>Jerusalem School</i>
Miss M. I. Hussey		
Prof. N. Schmidt		

The Council reported through the Recording Secretary. The Society accepted a resolution introduced by the Council authorizing the latter to raise the dues in 1920 and following years from \$3.00 to \$5.00 provided that the postal card vote of the whole membership seems to them to justify the change. The Council was authorized to abolish the initiation fee if it seems to them wise to do so. Names of new members suggested to the council and approved by them were approved by the Society and the persons named elected to membership. The appointment of a committee to consider the cataloguing of MSS. as suggested by the Council was approved.

The auditing committee having brought in a satisfactory report the Treasurer's report was accepted and ordered filed. Professor Fullerton, one of the Society's representatives on the managing committee of the Jerusalem School, gave an oral report of the condition of that institution.

Papers were read and discussed as follows:

- By M. L. Margolis: The Upshot of a Prolonged Study of the Greek Joshua
- By G. R. Berry: The Code Found in the Temple
- By Kemper Fullerton: Did David conquer Damascus?
- By J. A. Bewer: An Appreciation of A. B. Ehrlich's Work
- By G. A. Barton: A Babylonian Jacob's Ladder

Professor Haupt gave brief summaries of his three papers on The Messenger in Malachi, The Meaning of Michtam, Cuneiform Parallels to the Passion of Christ. Adjourned at 5.15 p. m.

Henry J. Cadbury, Recording Secretary